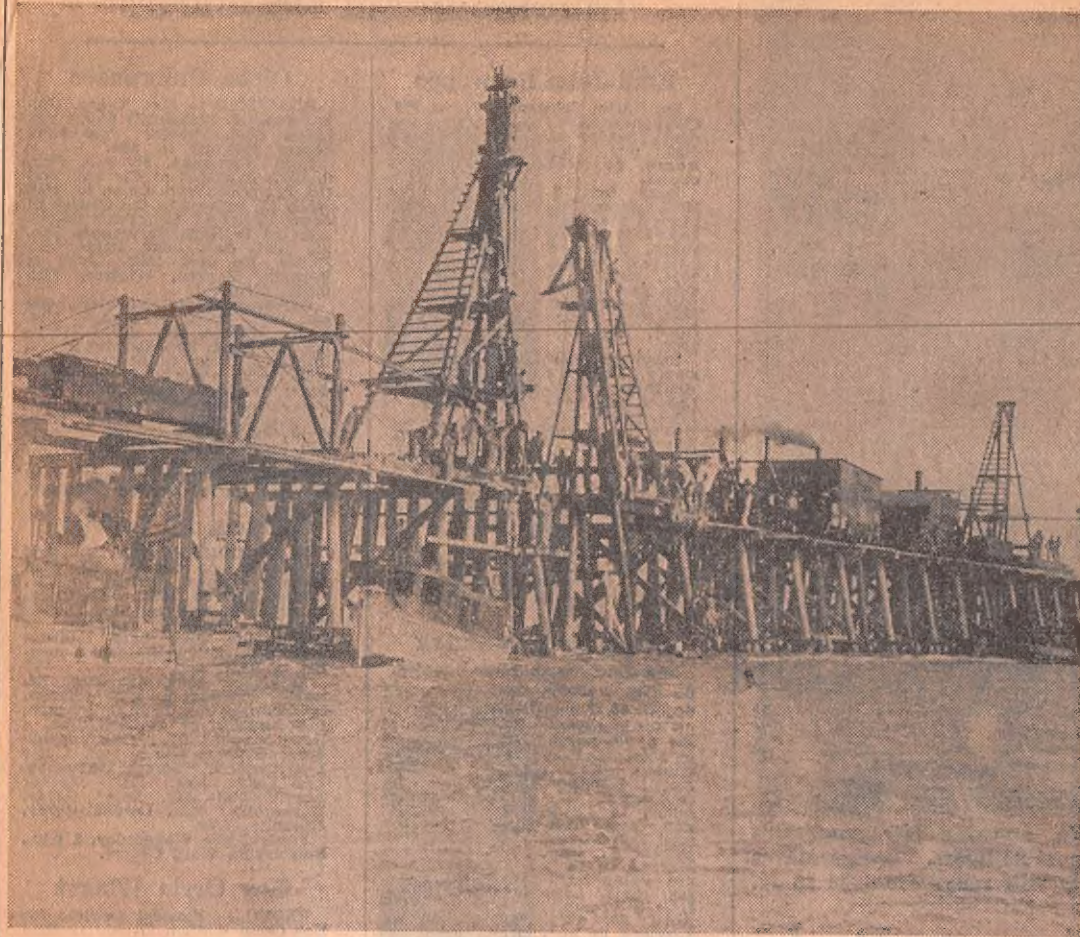


THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, Thursday, November 26, 1953



Fifty years ago Thursday, E. H. Harriman, president of Southern Pacific Railroad Co., dedicated the S. P. cut-off across Great Salt Lake. Salt encrusted, the trestle is still used.

S. P.'s Trestle Across Lake 50 Years Old

Fifty years ago Thursday the wind rippled the waves beneath the Southern Pacific's trestle out across Great Salt Lake.

E. H. Harriman, a giant of his age and then president of the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., that day dedicated what was the longest railroad bridge structure in the United States.

And the 12-mile, ballast filled trestle which is connected with to a 28-mile cut off is still the longest such structure in the country.

The 50 years is not without history for the trestle, however. Waters of the Great Salt Lake, after declining for many years, are again on the rise.

Last July, more than 100,000 cubic yards of granite rock were blasted from the Lakeside quarry and dumped out on the trestle for fill.

And S. P. engineers have regularly conducted survey after survey for possible modification of the route. But to date, no plan has been put into effect to change the old cut off which saved travel around the lake through Promontory where the golden spike was driven in 1869 to mark completion of a trans-continental rail line.

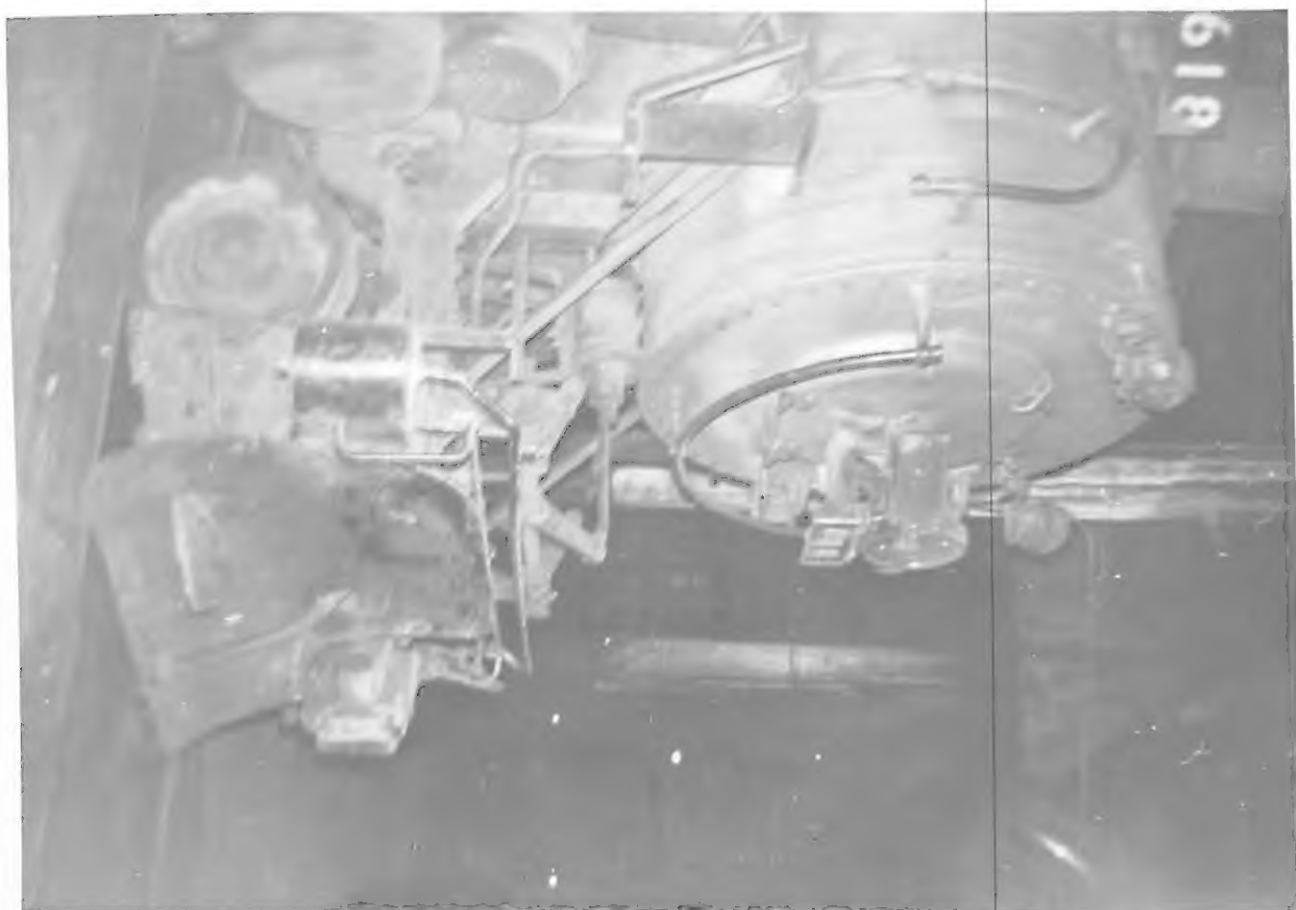
The last of 38,250 pilings was driven in the trestle building program on Oct. 26, 1903. Rail connection was made on Nov. 14 and the dedication on Nov. 26 was followed by partial operations commencing on Dec. 8.

The trestle was two years in construction and 534 miles of piling went into the building.

Today, the cut off is double tracked and trains pass along it under a centralized traffic control system operated out of Ogden.

Russell's Snow Plow
used on Hudson Valley line







Winter 1953

Art Wing - Rear seat
4 crew 1957





"Hatch Row" has been one of the choice commercial locations in the valley through the years. Businesses occupying the "Row" are shown here in this 1959 photograph.

built on the old Hatch homesite, the J. C. Penney store, Seiter Bakery, Stanley Title Insurance Company, Barker's Jewelry, Palace Drug, U. S. Post Office and Heber Exchange.

John Turner and his sons also operated a successful business corner on Main Street and Second North, which included Turner's Store, and the Turner Opera House mentioned in Chapter Twelve. When the Turners went out of business, the Golden Rule Store which later was the J. C. Penney Company opened its first Heber store at this location. The Lee Johnson service station now occupies the site.

Another pioneer business in Heber was the Buell's Store. The founder, Frederick O. Buell came to Utah in 1872 with his grandmother, Persinda H. Buell Kimball, one of the wives of Heber C. Kimball. He had been living in Missouri but came west with his grandmother when his father died. He stayed in Salt Lake and lived with Pres. Brigham Young until 1876 and then returned to Missouri where he apprenticed as a tin and copper smith. Visiting with an aunt in Summit County in 1882, he met President Wilford Woodruff who told him there was a good opening in Heber for a tinsmith. On May 14, 1883 he walked into Heber with his tools and rented a small shop at 143 N. Main. His business grew, and he eventually purchased the property and built a building. In 1884 he added a small stock of groceries and candy in addition to his tin-smith business, and this proved so successful that he opened a general merchandise business in 1894 with an even larger building. He built a community dance hall on the second floor which was in constant use. He continued in his business until he retired on January 1, 1920 and moved to Provo. His son, Owen, continued to operate the store and added a fresh meat department. In 1925 James T. Simkins, a brother-in-law, purchased an interest in the store and it was incorporated as Buell & Simkins. The corporation was later dissolved and it became Buells Food Store. Another remodeling took place in 1934 when the store joined the Independent Grocers Assn. (I.G.A.) and opened the